to report progress on the implementation of the Scheme, as funds for the same have been released towards the end of March, 2006. During 2006-07, provision of Rs. 520.00 crore has been made in the budget and Annual Action Plan of 10 States have been approved for an amount of Rs. 207.29 crore to cover an area 1.90 lakh hectares. It is expected that an area of 6.2 lakh hectares will be covered under Micro Irrigation by the end of Xth Plan.

**Vaccine for bird flu**

*269. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed an indigenous vaccine against the deadly disease 'bird flu'; and

(b) if so, by when the vaccine is likely to be available on commercial scale and how its market price would compare to the price of imported vaccine for the disease?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps have been initiated for the availability of indigenous vaccine. The cost of indigenous vaccine would be around one third of the cost of imported vaccine.

**Exclusion of poor from PDS**

*270. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission during the year 2005, after an evaluation of Public Distribution System, found that 57 per cent of the poor had been actually excluded from PDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to rectify the above;

(c) whether there is any proposal to return to the universal PDS; and

(d) the number of people covered under targeted PDS for the last five years, State-wise, year-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) of the Planning Commission took up the study of evaluation of the performance of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) covering 18 main States of the country. In its report the PEO observed as under:—

> Though the off-take per household has shown some improvement under TPDS, yet only about 57% of the BPL households are covered in terms of off-take.

A copy of the PEO report was forwarded to all States Governments and UT Administrations to take necessary action. The findings of the report were discussed in five Regional Conferences held during 2005-06, and State Food Minister's/State Food Secretary's Conference held on 29.03.2006 under the Chairmanship of Minister of Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. Subsequently in a meeting held on 08.05.2006 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (R&PD) an Action Plan was drawn. The Action Plan includes review of BPL/AAY list to eliminate ghost cards; strict action should be taken against the guilty to ensure leakage free distribution of foodgrains; active involvement of elected memebrs of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs); BPL/AAY lists should be displayed on all FPSs; posting of allocation and distribution of foodgrains on website for public scrutiny; door step delivery of foodgrains at FPS; timely availability of foodgrains at FPS level; training of memebrs of FPS level Vigilance Committees; and computerization of TPDS operations be undertaken. The States/UTs were requested to implement the Action Plan to strengthen the TPDS and to curb diversion.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The allocation of foodgrains under TPDS is made on the basis of number of household estimated on the basis of poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 1993-94 projected on the population projection of Registrar General as on 01.03.2000 or the number of ration cards issued by the State Government whichever is less. A Statement indicating the estimated number of families and Ration Cards issued by States/UTs under TPDS for the last five years, State-wise, year-wise and category-wise is annexed as per Statement.

## *Statement*

*Estimated no. of families & ration cards issued by states/UTs under TPDs.*

(Figures in lakhs)

| States/UTs | Estimated no. of families as on 1.3.2000 | | | | Number of ration cards issued by the State/UT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | | | 2004 | | | 2005 | | |
| | APL | BPL | AAY | Total | APL | BPL* | APL | BPL* | APL | BPL | AAY | APL | BPL | AAY | APL | BPL | AAY |
| Andhra Pradesh | 117.58 | 25.05 | 15.58 | 158.21 | 53.97 | 113.60 | 53.97 | 105.05 | 53.97 | 98.82 | 6.23 | 53.97 | 98.82 | 6.23 | 58.72 | 128.12 | 12.34 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 1.43 | 0.61 | 0.38 | 2.42 | 2.73 | 0.95 | 2.73 | 0.99 | 2.65 | 0.84 | 0.15 | 2.65 | 0.84 | 0.15 | 2.68 | 0.69 | 0.30 |
| Assam | 26.57 | 11.32 | 7.04 | 44.93 | 25.72 | 18.84 | 34.45 | 18.94 | 34.45 | 16.01 | 2.81 | 34.45 | 16.11 | 2.81 | 34.63 | 14.79 | 4.12 |
| Bihar | 53.56 | 40.22 | 25.01 | 118.79 | 88.74 | 84.26 | 52.20 | 71.63 | 52.20 | 61.64 | 10.00 | 52.20 | 61.64 | 10.00 | 52.20 | 61.64 | 10.00 |
| Chhattisgarh | 25.36 | 11.56 | 7.19 | 44.11 | | | 24.81 | 20.99 | 25.94 | 14.86 | 4.31 | 25.94 | 14.86 | 4.31 | 25.94 | 13.48 | 5.69 |
| Delhi | 23.73 | 2.52 | 1.57 | 27.82 | 36.55 | N.A | 34.04 | 3.34 | 34.00 | 4.06 | 0.31 | 30.77 | 4.02 | 0.32 | 36.01 | 3.81 | 0.56 |
| Goa | 2.72 | 0.30 | 0.18 | 3.20 | 3.04 | 0.13 | 3.00 | 0.23 | 2.96 | 0.24 | 0.06 | 3.04 | 0.19 | 0.07 | 3.09 | 0.17 | 0.11 |
| Gujarat | 66.37 | 13.07 | 8.13 | 87.57 | 72.83 | 33.75 | 71.64 | 35.64 | 65.53 | 32.78 | 11.36 | 65.53 | 32.78 | 11.36 | 78.12 | 30.92 | 5.15 |
| Haryana | 23.59 | 4.87 | 3.02 | 31.48 | 37.68 | 5.54 | 36.61 | 7.99 | 36.80 | 6.89 | 1.14 | 36.84 | 6.87 | 1.18 | 36.88 | 6.30 | 1.82 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 7.43 | 3.17 | 1.97 | 12.57 | 9.30 | 3.11 | 10.40 | 2.98 | 10.49 | 2.12 | 0.80 | 10.51 | 2.12 | 0.81 | 10.49 | 1.80 | 1.18 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 10.66 | 4.54 | 2.82 | 18.02 | 10.12 | 3.36 | 10.94 | 7.36 | 10.94 | 6.23 | 1.13 | 10.94 | 6.23 | 1.13 | 10.94 | 5.67 | 1.69 |
| Jharkhand | 19.62 | 14.76 | 9.18 | 43.56 | | | 5.15 | 23.94 | 5.15 | 20.28 | 3.66 | 5.15 | 20.28 | 3.66 | 5.15 | 16.68 | 7.27 |
| Karnataka | 63.08 | 19.29 | 12.00 | 94.37 | 49.43 | 63.26 | 46.71 | 63.87 | 47.24 | 60.32 | 4.80 | 45.77 | 63.52 | 7.20 | 42.65 | 60.63 | 9.50 |
| Kerala | 45.56 | 9.58 | 5.96 | 61.10 | 43.05 | 20.40 | 43.61 | 20.29 | 43.16 | 17.44 | 2.72 | 43.56 | 17.12 | 3.06 | 44.91 | 15.50 | 4.72 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 55.78 | 25.43 | 15.82 | 97.03 | 134.18 | 43.65 | 82.28 | 56.71 | 82.27 | 45.73 | 6.31 | 82.27 | 45.73 | 6.31 | 82.27 | 40.59 | 11.46 |
| Maharashtra | 111.93 | 40.29 | 25.05 | 177.27 | 139.45 | 56.70 | 143.20 | 74.72 | 144.84 | 64.45 | 10.02 | 147.38 | 63.59 | 10.02 | 147.38 | 53.76 | 19.84 |

| | APL | BPL | AAY | Total | APL | BPL* | APL | BPL* | APL | BPL | AAY | APL | BPL | AAY | APL | BPL | AAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Manipur | 2.41 | 1.02 | 0.64 | 4.07 | 1.13 | 0.67 | 1.89 | 1.30 | 1.89 | 1.03 | 0.25 | 1.89 | 1.03 | 0.25 | 1.89 | 1.03 | 0.26 |
| Meghalaya | 2.66 | 1.13 | 0.70 | 4.49 | 0.98 | 0.97 | 1.07 | 1.83 | 1.07 | 1.55 | 0.28 | 1.07 | 1.55 | 0.28 | 2.66 | 1.41 | 0.42 |
| Mizoram | 0.99 | 0.42 | 0.26 | 1.67 | 1.62 | 0.68 | 1.71 | 0.66 | 1.61 | 0.58 | 0.10 | 1.61 | 0.58 | 0.10 | 1.62 | 0.48 | 0.21 |
| Nagaland | 1.78 | 0.77 | 0.47 | 3.02 | 1.05 | 0.96 | 1.95 | 1.24 | 0.75 | 1.05 | 0.19 | 0.75 | 1.05 | 0.19 | 1.83 | 0.86 | 0.38 |
| Orissa | 34.93 | 20.34 | 12.64 | 67.91 | 39.85 | 41.23 | 30.61 | 48.41 | 30.61 | 43.35 | 5.05 | 30.61 | 43.35 | 5.05 | 30.61 | 39.00 | 9.95 |
| Punjab | 35.08 | 2.89 | 1.79 | 39.76 | 50.10 | 5.02 | 48.19 | 7.04 | 47.55 | 6.42 | 0.72 | 47.57 | 6.42 | 0.72 | 48.01 | 6.42 | 0.72 |
| Rajasthan | 64.36 | 14.99 | 9.32 | 88.67 | 81.36 | 22.87 | 96.47 | 22.80 | 98.65 | 19.07 | 3.73 | 100.77 | 19.10 | 4.15 | 104.10 | 15.97 | 7.17 |
| Sikkim | 0.62 | 0.27 | 0.16 | 1.05 | 0.66 | (APL+ BPL) | 0.89 | 0.37 | 0.89 | 0.30 | 0.07 | 0.89 | 0.33 | 0.10 | 0.89 | 0.33 | 0.10 |
| Tamil Nadu** | 90.19 | 29.98 | 18.65 | 138.82 | 95.50 | 65.51 | | 168.30 | 161.14 | (APL+ BPL) | 7.16 | 161.14 | | 7.16 | 153.78 | | 14.52 |
| Tripura | 4.27 | 1.82 | 1.13 | 7.22 | 4.50 | 2.28 | 4.18 | 2.95 | 4.21 | 2.50 | 0.45 | 4.30 | 2.50 | 0.45 | 4.32 | 2.27 | 0.68 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 154.63 | 65.84 | 40.95 | 261.42 | 159.96 | 95.48 | 274.00 | 106.79 | 274.00 | 90.42 | 16.37 | 274.00 | 90.42 | 16.37 | 274.00 | 74.37 | 32.42 |
| Utaranchal | 7.21 | 3.07 | 1.91 | 12.19 | | | 16.99 | 4.98 | 16.99 | 4.22 | 0.76 | 16.99 | 4.22 | 0.76 | 16.99 | 4.22 | 0.76 |
| West Bengal*** | 93.44 | 31.93 | 19.86 | 145.23 | 112.07 | 46.88 | 112.44 | 46.92 | 112.81 | 42.46 | 5.84 | 112.81 | 41.46 | 5.84 | 113.58 | 34.90 | 12.39 |
| Andaman & Nicobar | 0.53 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.81 | 0.74 | 0.12 | 0.71 | 0.15 | 0.71 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 0.72 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 0.74 | 0.12 | 0.04 |
| Chandigarh | 1.80 | 0.14 | 0.09 | 2.03 | 2.12 | 0.00 | 2.16 | 0.13 | 2.18 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 2.18 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 2.19 | 0.04 | 0.03 |
| D&N Haveli | 0.18 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.36 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0.03 | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0.03 | 0.28 | 0.13 | 0.03 |
| Daman & Diu | 0.22 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.02 | 0.27 | 0.04 | 0.25 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.25 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.25 | 0.04 | 0.01 |
| Lakshdweep | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.11 | 0.13 | NA | 0.13 | 0.01 | 0.13 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.13 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.13 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Pondicherry | 1.40 | 0.52 | 0.32 | 2.24 | 1.72 | 0.95 | 1.77 | 0.96 | 1.81 | 0.87 | 0.10 | 0.81 | 0.87 | 0.10 | 1.82 | 0.75 | 0.22 |
| TOTAL | 1151.75 | 402.03 | 250.00 | 1803.78 | 1260.73 | 731.35 | 1251.34 | 929.71 | 1410.01 | 665.86 | 106.98 | 1410.63 | 667.92 | 110.23 | 1431.75 | 636.90 | 176.06 |

Note: *Includes AAY ration cards

**Separate figures of APL/BPL cards in Tamil Nadu are not available as there is no categorisation of APL/BPL in the States.

***The State Govt. has issued individual ration cards. 5 individual ration cards have been taken as one family card.